



The Kempton New Church School

School Expansion Fund

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Rev. Lawson M. Smith, Pastor

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Dear Friends,

“Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (*Psalms 127:1*). We know our efforts to educate more children in the light of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Heavenly Doctrine will succeed only if we let the Lord work through us. “The Word can only be taught mediately through parents, teachers, books, and especially the reading of it. Nevertheless it is not taught by these, but by the Lord through them” (*Divine Providence 172:6*).

It will take lots of time, effort, and resources from many people to make the Kempton New Church school expansion a success. So now we are asking for your help in our efforts to cooperate with the Lord as we move forward on this project.

We are very fortunate to have so many families seeking to educate their children here in the light of the Lord’s Word. In fact there are currently over 40 children in the Kempton Society under the age of five who we anticipate will enroll in KNCS. The high school will start out with as many as 12 students through 11th grade this fall and 22 students through 12th grade the following year, and we can see a desire on the part of many parents to educate their children here through 12th grade. With your help we will be able to provide the opportunity to parents who seek to enroll their children in a local K-12 New Church school which acts as an extension of a New Church home.

Our plan is to build as modest an addition as possible, and to avoid relying on significantly increased annual contributions to fund higher operating costs. Our annual giving rate is currently quite healthy (approximately 70% of the church membership and friends) but not capable of supporting much higher operating costs. This means we need to raise money for endowment too.

The Board of Trustees has approved spending up to \$500,000 from the income and reserve fund which we have been building up for uses like this. We have also already received about \$150,000 more in contributions. But we know that \$650,000 is not enough to pay for the addition and to endow increased operating costs that will come with this expansion. While we think we can build the addition for less, initial estimates from architects are around \$1 million, and fully endowed operating costs could require as much as \$750,000 to \$1 million. Therefore, raising an additional \$1.35 million to fund the building project itself and to endow future increased operating costs would put us in great shape.

For your convenience a self-addressed return envelope is included with this letter. Please make checks payable to the Kempton New Church with “School Expansion Fund” indicated on the memo line. Thank you very much for your consideration of this most important use.

Sincerely,

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